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1.SUMMARY. GOC PRESS SPOKESMAN "DEPLORES" COLOMBIAN DECISION WITHDRAW AMBASSADOR FROM SANTIAGO, WHILE COLOMBIAN EMBASSY DELIVERS ANOTHER NOTE ON ASYLEE PROBLEM. SPOKESMAN'S REMARK ON REACTION OF COLOMBIAN MILITARY TO ALLEGED COLOMBIAN REJECTION OF CHILEAN GENERAL AS AMBASSADOR REPORTED BY COLOMBIAN CHARGE TO HAVE BEEN RECEIVED WITH ANGER IN BOGOTA. END SUMMARY.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESIGNATION OF COLOMBIAN AMB FERNANDEZ OVER ISSUE EXIT SAFECONDUCTS TO LAST FEW ASYLEES WHO HAVE BEEN IN COLOMBIAN EMBASSY SINCE SEPT 1973 WAS CHARACTERIZED AS "DEPLORABLE" BY GOVT PRESS SPOKESMAN WILLOUGHBY. HE ADDED THAT GOVT CANNOT INTERFERE IN PROCESSES OF CHILEAN COURTS, WHICH STUDYING EX-TRADITION REQUESTS FOR REMAINING ASYLEES IN COLOMBIAN EMBASSY. KEY ASYLEES ARE EX-MIN ECONOMY OSCAR GARRETON (MAPU) AND EX-SENATOR ADONIS SEPULVEDA (SOCIALCST).

3. ON MAY 22 COLOMBIAN CHARGE OCTAVIO CALLE CALLE DELIVERED
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NOTE ADDRESSED TO CHILEAN FONMIN HUERTA FROM FONMIN VASQUEZ

AGAIN STATING COLOMBIAN POSITION ON ASYLEES. KEY POINTS ARE RIGHT OF GOVT GRANTING ASYLUM TO DETERMINE WHO SHOULD RECEIVE IT, AND REQUIREMENT UNDER 1933 CONVENTION OF MONTEVIDEO THAT SAFECONDUCTS BE GRANTED WITHIN 30 DAYS. WILLOUGHBY CLAIMED THAT CONVENTION PLACES NO RPT NO TIME LIMIT. AT SAME TIME HE DELIVERED NOTE, CALLE INFORMED UNDER SEC COLLADOS THAT COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT PASTRANA HAD ACCEPTED FERNANDEZ RESIGNATION.

4. AFTER COMMENT ON WITHDRAWAL OF COLOMBIAN AMB, HOWEVER, WILLUGHBY WENT ON OFFENSIVE IN MATTER OF REPORTED COLOMBIAN REFUSAL OF AGREEMENT FOR RETIRED CARABINERO (NATIONAL POLICE) GENERAL JORGE ARANDA. WILLUGHBY SAID COLOMBIAN GOVT VIEW THAT GENERAL COULD NOT BE EFFECTIVE DIPLOMAT WAS OFFENSIVE, AND AN INSOLENT CHARACTERIZATION OF CHILEAN OFFICER WHO HOLDS SAME RANK AS JUNTA MEMBERS.

5. FINAL WILLUGHBY COMMENT AS REPORTED IN PRESS WAS IN TRANSLATION: "WE ARE CERTAIN THAT THIS INSOLENT DOES NOT REFLECT THE FEELINGS OF THE COLOMBIAN MILITARY." COLOMBIAN CHARGE CALLE TOLD EMBOFF MAY 23 THAT THIS FINAL REMARK OF WILLUGHBY HAD PROVOKED ANGER IN BOGOTA, AND THAT HE ANTICIPATED AN "ADVERSE REACTION" FROM HIS GOVT.

6 CALLE ALSO TOLD US THAT NOTE DELIVERED MAY 22 WAS SEVENTH IN SERIES BEING EXCHANGED BY CHILE AND COLOMBIA.

7. COMMENT: IT IS A PITY THAT NEITHER AMBASSADOR FERNANDEZ NOR WILLUGHBY -- WE KNOW THEM BOTH -- HAS MUCH SENSITIVITY IN DEALING WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENCIES. THE DETERIORATION THEY HAVE CAUSED IN CHILEAN-COLOMBIAN RELATIONS IS LAMENTABLE AND WAS IN LARGE PART PROBABLY AVOIDABLE. MORE SERIOUS, HOWEVER, IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THIS TESTY DIALOGUE MAY PROMPT A "KNEE-JERK" HARDENING OF THE JUNTA'S POSITION ON RELEASE OF THE REMAINING ASYLEES. UNTIL THIS FLARE-UP WITH COLOMBIA, WE HAD BEEN PERSUADED THAT THE TREND WITHIN THE GOC WAS STRONGLY IN THE DIRECTION OF A DECISION TO GRANT SAFE-CONDUCTS TO ALL REMAINING ASYLEES IN VERY SHORT ORDER.

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